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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University, 2017-present.
Postdoctoral Associate, MacMillan Center, Yale University, 2017-present.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan, 2017.
M.A. Economics, University of Michigan, 2012.
B.A. Economics with high distinction, Spanish, University of Virginia, 2007.

Fields of Research Interest

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics.

Research

Working Papers

Davis, C. A. (2017). Why Did Brazilian Farmers Suddenly Adopt Existing Technology? (Job Paper. Featured on World Bank Impact Development Blog.)
Davis, C. A. and Miller, S. (2017). Putting Out the Fires: Sugarcane Harvesting, Air Pollution, and Health.
Davis, C. A. (2017). Worker Transitions in a Time of Technological Change.

Works in Progress

Davis, C. A., Lay, M., and Thompson, B. The Effect of Pension Reform on Labor Supply in the Brazilian Civil Service.
Davis, C. A., Chyn, E. Trade Liberalization and Child Labor: Long-run Outcomes of Early Life Shocks.

Presentations

2018: IGC Bangladesh, IFPRI (Financial Inclusion and Resilience Roundtable), AESS Annual Meeting.
2017: American University, Yale University (Agriculture and Development Conference), WEAI Annual Conference, PacDev (UC Riverside), Yale University (Development Workshop), American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting.
2016: Michigan State (Development Day), Texas A&M (Applied Microeconomics Seminar), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (MIT, poster), University of Michigan (Labor Lunch), University of Michigan (Economic Development Seminar), University of Michigan (History, Health, Development, and Demography Seminar).

2015: University of Michigan (Development Day, poster), SEA Annual Meeting, University of Michigan (Economic Development Seminar), University of Michigan (Energy & Environmental Economics)

2014: Inter-American Development Bank, University of Michigan (History, Health, Development, and Demography Seminar).

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

IPA Competitive Fund for Peace & Recovery, with A. Mushfiq Mobarak, 2017.

MITRE Haber Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2016.

MITRE Research Award, University of Michigan, 2015.

Rackham Graduate Student Research Award, University of Michigan, 2015.

Summer Dissertation Fellow, Inter-American Development Bank, 2014.

Finalist for Dow Sustainability Doctoral Fellowship, 2013.

Teaching Citation, University of Michigan, 2013.

Summer Research Apprenticeship, University of Michigan, 2011, 2012.

Distinguished Majors Program in Economics, University of Virginia, 2006–2007.

Echols Scholar, University of Virginia, 2003–2007.

Professional Service

Referee for Journal of Development Economics, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic History.

Teaching

Program Evaluation, TA for IZA / DFID Short Course, Nairobi, Kenya, 2013.

Statistical Analysis of Survey Data, TA for African Social Research Initiative Short Course, University of Ghana, 2013.

Principles of Microeconomics, Head TA / TA, University of Michigan, 2012–2014.

Principles of Macroeconomics, TA, University of Michigan, 2011–2012.

SAS Basics, Technical Instructor, Analysis Group, 2009–2010.

Employment

Research Assistant for Martha Bailey, University of Michigan, 2013.

Graduate Student Research Assistant for Veronica Berrocal, University of Michigan, 2012.

Senior Analyst, Analysis Group, 2007–2010.

Languages, Proficiencies, & Citizenship

English (native), Spanish (conversational), Portuguese (basic).

SAS, Stata, R, Excel, MATLAB, LaTeX, GIS.

US citizen, Mexican citizen.